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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE WALDHEIM INITIATIVES ON CYPRUS

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1. REFTTEL REPORTED THAT UN UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL URQUHART HAD BEEN REFLECTING ON STATE OF CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS AND HAD REQUESTED HIS OFFICE TO COMPILE SHORT LIST OF OPTIONS FOR GETTING THINGS MOVING. HIS OFFICE HAS SENT MESSAGE TO WALDHEIM IN LONDON UNDERSTOOD TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS: A) HAVE WALDHEIM CONVOKE MEETING OF GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOT REPRESENTATIVES IN NEW YORK; B) HAVE WALDHEIM VISIT ANKARA, ATHENS AND NICOSIA BEFORE HE STARTS VISITS TO USSR AND MONGOLIA ON SEPTEMBER 5; AND C) HAVE DE CUELLAR TRAVEL FROM NICOSIA TO ANKARA AND ATHENS.

2. MESSRS. LIU AND SHERRY IN WALDHEIM'S OFFICE UNDERLINED THAT LARGEST UNKNOWN IN THE PRESENT CYPRUS EQUATION IS DEGREE OF FREEDOM FOR ACTION ENJOYED BY NEW TURKISH
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GOVERNMENT DEPENDENT AS IT IS ON ERBAKAN. FOR THIS REASON THEY ATTACH IMPORTANCE TO A VISIT TO ANKARA TO ASSESS SITUATION. THEY ADDED THAT THEY WOULD WELCOME ANY INSIGHTS IN THIS REGARD USG MIGHT BE FREE TO PROVIDE. THEY CONSIDER, HOWEVER, THAT GIVEN UNCERTAINTY REGARDING NEW TURKISH GOVERNMENT'S FREEDOM FOR ACTION, IT COULD BE RISKY FOR WALDHEIM TO VISIT. THEY NOTE IN CONNECTION

WITH OPTION (A) THAT LEADING PERSONALITIES FROM CYPRUS HAVE BEEN EXPECTED HERE FOR START OF UNGA, BUT THIS MIGHT BE TOO LATE, GIVEN DETERIORATING SITUATION ON CYPRUS.

3. COMMENT: EVENT NOW MAY BE BRINGING CYPRUS LEADERS TO NEW YORK EARLIER THAN EXPECTED, SINCE UN SECURITY COUNCIL EXPECTED TO TAKE UP CYPRUS ON OR ABOUT AUGUST 29. WHILE SITUATION MAY HAVE ALREADY DETERIORATED TOO FAR, PRESENCE OF THESE REPRESENTATIVES IN NEW YORK MAY PROVIDE WALDHEIM EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO TEST POSSIBILITIES OF OPTION (A). AT THE SAME TIME, IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE FOR DE CUELLAR TO VISIT ANKARA AND ATHENS.

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